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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Breakfast with Bernie McMahon on 27 May 1986

Hearings on security countermeasures and on the counter-terrorism finding will be run in June. The personnel hearing that Battaglia is working on will probably be held in September. The postponed Third World hearing, which might spawn some regional third world hearings, is likely for late summer. The only other hearing that Bernie is aware of concerns survivability of intelligence assets. It could be staged in the fall, if at all.

I questioned whether CIA collection and analysis on the Third World was really a subject for a hearing as opposed to a briefing, but Bernie said the Committee wanted to measure our performance against the policy requirements of State and Defense, thus indicating a three-Agency performance. My effort to discourage this approach didn't seem to get very far.

We had an interesting discussion on security clearances for Senate staffers other than SSCI staff. Bernie made several points (which I have since cleared up through conversation with Joan).

--Where does SFRC store the NID in the daytime?

--Are we certain that other Agencies whose top secret clearances we accept are actually doing background investigations?

--Why do we give SSCI clearances to staff members outside the SSCI?

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I shared with him some of my ideas on how we might go about briefing new Members next January. He very much likes the idea of an unclassified three-ring notebook for Members with tabs dividing the content into such subjects as trade craft, counterintelligence, political action, propaganda, paramilitary, estimating, analytical methodology, imagery and SIGINT. He also liked the idea of our hosting an overnight session [redacted] at which each of the above subjects is explored for the Senators by experts.

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